

JC17 Rec'd PCT/PTO 16 JUN 2005

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A tool (1; 101; 201) for removing ticks (15) and other like parasites from the skin (16), which tool has an engagement part (2; 102; 202; 302) with a bottom face (12; 312) and a top face (14; 314), wherein a V-shaped groove (4; 104; 204; 304) is provided that has side faces (11; 311) between the bottom face and the top face at an edge (5) of the engagement part (2; 102; 202; 302), which side edges (11; 311) converge towards each other from an outer opening at the edge (5) towards an internal assembly point (6; 306), said V-shaped groove (4; 104; 204; 304) being wider at the top face (14; 314) of the engagement part (2; 102; 202; 302) than it is at the underside (12; 312), characterised in that a considerable portion of each side face (11; 311) of the V-shaped groove (4; 104; 204; 304) between the underside (12; 312) and the top face (14; 314) of the engagement part (2; 102; 202; 302) is constituted by a concave engagement face (13; 313).

2. (Original) A tool according to claim 1, characterised in that a lowermost part of the concave engagement face (13; 313) is essentially in parallel with the bottom face (12; 312).

3. (Currently amended) A tool according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the concave shape of the concave engagement face (13) is formed by a continuously curved line segment.

4. (Original) A tool according to claim 3, characterised in that the concave shape of the concave engagement face (13) is formed by a drawing of a circle.

5. (Currently amended) A tool according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the concave shape of the concave engagement face (13) is formed by number of straight lines.

6. (Currently amended) A tool according to ~~any one of claims 1-5~~ claim 1, characterised in that each side face (11; 311) comprises a lowermost part (11 a, 11 b; 311 a) that extends essentially perpendicularly

from the bottom face (12; 312) and is connected to the concave engagement face (13; 313).

7. (Original) A tool according to claim 6, characterised in that, at least for a distance, the lowermost part (11 a, 11 b; 311 a) of the side face (11; 311) is increasing in height, seen from the edge (5) to the assembly point (6; 306).

8. (Original) A tool according to claim 7, characterised in that the lowermost part(11 a, 11b ;311 a) of the side face (11; 311) has a constant low height a distance from the edge into the V-shaped groove (4; 104; 204; 304).

9. (Currently amended) A tool according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, characterised in that an innermost part of the lowermost part(11b) of the side face (11) is provided with parallel side faces.

10. (Currently amended) A tool according to ~~any one of claims 1-9~~ claim 1, characterised in that, at the bottom of the V-shaped groove (304) a cutter blade (318) is provided in level with the bottom face (312).

11. (Currently amended) A tool according to ~~any one of claims 1-10~~ claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a holder part (3) provided with an upwardly protruding transverse beam (7) for supporting a thumb.

12. (Currently amended) A tool according to ~~any one of claims 1-11~~ claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a holder part (103) provided with an indentation (107) for supporting a thumb.

13. (Currently amended) A tool according to ~~any one of claims 1-12~~ claim 1, characterised in that it comprises a holder part (203) provided with a ribbed area (207) for supporting a thumb.

14. (Currently amended) A tool according to ~~any one of claims 1-13~~ claim 1, characterised in that it

comprises at least one recess (8; 108; 208a, 208b) at the edge in support of at least one finger.

15. (Currently amended) A tool according to ~~any one of claims 1-14~~ claim 1, characterised in being plate-shaped.

16. (Original) A tool according to claim 15, characterised in that at least one recess (10; 110; 210) is provided in the area between the engagement part (2; 102; 202) and the holder part (3; 103; 203).

17. (Currently amended) A tool according to claim 15 or 16, characterised in that the largest outer dimension of the tool corresponds essentially to the dimensions of a credit card.